

WEATHER.
UTAH — Unsettled, probably
snow tonight or Thursday; lit-
tle change in temperature.

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Quite often the most interesting
news of the day is to be found
in the want-ad section.

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MRS. MARY ROBERTS RINEHART LEADS STRENUOUS LIFE IN SPITE OF FACT SHE IS A GRANDMOTHER



What does the word "grandma" convey to you?
Probably a nice gray-haired old lady with spectacles pushed up
on her forehead, knitting in a comfortable rocker by the fireplace
and taking things easy in her declining years. Yes?
Well, here's a "grandma" who leads about as strenuous a life
as is led in this country—Mrs. Mary Roberts Rinehart. She is hold-
ing on her lap her granddaughter, "Bab" Rinehart. She writes a
best-seller a year, turns out many magazine stories, plays politics,
does welfare work, writes three movie scenarios a season, supervises
their production, and in collaboration with Avery Hopwood now has
three plays running on Broadway and two more in the making. She
also finds lots of time for her home life. Not bad for a "grandma"
is it?

LYDD GEORGE WANTS U. S. IN NATION LEAGUE

GERMANY MUST PAY 100 BILLION MARKS, IS PLAN

Can Be No Real Peace Until
Armament Ceases, He
Tells Delegates

Sum Below Treaty Estimate
But About All That Can
Be Collected

LONDON, Dec. 22.—David Lloyd George, the prime minister, presiding at a luncheon given today in the house of commons for the British and dominion delegates to the recent league of nations assembly in Geneva, declared the league would never achieve real progress until all the nations were represented.
Mr. Lloyd George said he looked forward hopefully to the United States coming into the league. This, he asserted, was essential.
There could be no real peace, he declared the prime minister, until competition in armaments ceased, and before disarmament was possible all the nations must be in the league, for all must march together.
Mr. Lloyd George said he was glad to know that all were doing something. He asserted that if the Geneva assembly had existed in August, 1914, the war would have been impossible. He was sure there would be no obstacle to Germany's admission to the league if she manifested an intention to fulfill her obligations.
The league had already done much, the premier declared, for one thing, it had raised the status of labor throughout the world. The labor bureau was doing great things, he said.
The league's most conspicuous work probably was the establishment, the premier declared, of the international court of justice which would have a very determining effect on international justice in the future.
No league of nations, however, could possibly be regarded as complete until the United States was included. Mr. Lloyd George declared.

BRITAIN GROWS ANXIOUS ON UNEMPLOYMENT CRISIS

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Extreme anxiety is felt by the British people over conditions of unemployment and in some quarters the opinion is held that the crisis is more serious than any of its predecessors.
This pessimism is reflected in editorial comment relative to government proposals to relieve distress, and there is a fretful tone in some comment over the prospects of the coming winter. It is predicted that, in spite of all aids that may be devised, the next few months may bring privation to many thousands.

STORM SWEEPS WEST STATES

Woman Member In Harding Cabinet Looming Gruesome Clues May Betray Slayer

RADICAL CHANGE IN FUNCTIONS OF BUREAUS LIKELY

Reorganization of Cabinet
Considered by Congress at
Present Session

BY MARK SULLIVAN.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Senator Harding has given strong color to the assumption there is to be a new department in the cabinet, and that a woman may be chosen to head it.
In his campaign as well as during the past week Senator Harding laid emphasis on the desirability of a department of public welfare. If that is to come about, it follows there will also come about a reorganization of the cabinet, which will include the disappearance of the department of the interior and the creation of not only a new department of public welfare but also a new department of public works.
For this reorganization of the cabinet more than one bill is already pending in congress. These bills vary in their details but generally speaking they look not only to the suspension of one old department and the creation of two new ones, but to radical rearrangements of bureaus in all the departments of the cabinet.

RADICAL CHANGES PLANNED.
The plan is to take out of the existing departments several bureaus which are inconspicuously placed and to rearrange them on a more logical basis. It would put into the new department of public welfare all the humanitarian functions of the government, such as, for example, take the bureau of public health out of the treasury department, and the children's bureau out of the department of labor.
On the other hand, for the new department of public works, the plan takes the improvement of rivers and harbors out of the department of war, the forest service out of the department of agriculture, and the office of supervising architect out of the treasury department. In the existing division of bureaus, it is a grotesque survival of custom that the matter of a new postoffice building should be one of the duties of the secretary of the treasury, while the care of Washington monuments is one of the functions of the department of war.

TIME TO SHIFT NOW.
If these changes are to be made at all, it will be easier to make them now, at a time when the cabinet is going out and new ones coming in, to make them after the new administration has got under way and after new officials have acquired prerogatives which in human nature are reluctant to give up. When the old department of commerce and labor was divided into two separate departments, the work was done just at the close of the Taft administration, so that the Wilson administration came in with the slate clean in this respect.

HATE TO LOSE POWERS.
Speaker Gillette has just appointed a committee to consider the various bills offered in the present congress for the reorganization and redistribution of government bureaus. Whether the work will be completed in time to make this reorganization before the beginning of Mr. Harding's administration only time will tell.
It will be most desirable to have it done out of the way and let the new president start off by appointing eleven cabinet members. Instead of ten. If it waits until the new administration is under way the new cabinet will have acquired pride of possession and other attachments, which will make the change more difficult.

HOOVER HELD CERTAIN.
It is the assumption that if the change is made, the head of the new department of public welfare should be a woman. On somewhat better ground it is assumed that Mr. Hoover would be offered the position of head of the new department of public works. In fact, even if the change is not made, it is believed that Mr. Hoover will be offered the post of secretary of the interior. In a way, these two points coincide. The intention of the plan for the creation of the new department of public works includes the purpose of abolishing the department of the interior.
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SENATE ASKS OPINION ON IMMIGRATION BILL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Declaring as to pushing the house bill practically all immigration for one year or the reporting of a substitute measure will be made by the senate immigration committee after public hearings which will begin January 3. The committee decided Tuesday that the hearings should be brought to an early conclusion.
Representative Johnson, Republican, Washington, author of the house bill, and Representative Selig, Republican, New York, who led the opposition, have been invited to appear before the senate committee.
A study of permanent immigration regulation will follow action on the temporary measure, said the chairman. He said it would be an "exchange" investigation to pave the way for a complete overhauling of present laws.

WILSON GOES ON WINDOW SHOPPING TRIP WITH WIFE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—President Wilson went window shopping on F street yesterday, viewing the Christmas crowds and the brightly decorated shops from an open automobile. Accompanied by Mrs. Wilson, the president was driven slowly down one side of the street which is the main artery of the capital's shopping district, and back up the other side, few in the hurrying crowds of shoppers recognizing the chief executive.

Harding To Be Wilson Guest March Fourth

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—President-elect Harding plans to accompany President Wilson to the White House for the inauguration ceremony on March 4 and back again to the White House for luncheon as the usual custom when a new chief executive is inaugurated.
Joseph P. Tumulty, secretary to the president, said today that Mr. Wilson had outlined to him yesterday his plans with regard to inauguration day.
Mr. Harding will call at the White House just before noon and will be received by the retiring president. They then will ride down Pennsylvania avenue to the capitol, where the president-elect will take the oath of office and deliver his inaugural address.
The new and retiring president will lead the usual parade up the avenue to the White House where Mr. Wilson will entertain Mr. Harding at luncheon. Immediately afterward President Wilson will retire to his home on S street to take up his life as a private citizen after eight years in the White House.

The continued steady improvement of the president's health, according to Secretary Tumulty, will make the contemplated visit of the president with President-elect Harding to the capitol possible even in the event of the most inclement weather.
Mr. Tumulty said today that when he visited the president yesterday, he found him in better spirits than he has since he was taken ill more than a year ago.

The president, Mr. Tumulty said, stated that he was not greatly interested in the writing of memoirs for an autobiography as it was a form of literature which had never greatly appealed to him. It has been generally understood that when Mr. Wilson retires from office he will take up the preparation of a history of the world war.

PEACE AND PROSPERITY SEEN IN MEXICAN STATE

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Dec. 22.—Alfonso Pesqueira, Mexican consul stationed here, returned last night from the Pacific coast and a short visit in Mexico, Sonora, Mexico, where he met and conferred with Governor Borquez of Sonora, who is slated to be controller of currency under Obregon's administration.
Governor Borquez, Mr. Pesqueira declared, said Sonora, especially the lower and southern sections, is undergoing a new era of peace and for the past several months Yaqui and other tribes of Indians have laid down arms. According to information which is being received by the Hermosillo department of agriculture, a larger acreage is expected to be planted in the state next spring than ever before in its history.

ITALIANS PUT BLOCKADE CLOSELY ABOUT FIUME

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Italian government forces have established a close blockade of Fiume by land and sea, and it seemed possible today that fighting might be reported at any time. Not only has the city of Fiume been isolated, but the islands of Arbe, San Marco and Veglia, which are recently occupied by d'Annunzio's legions, have been blockaded.
Conditions of recognized gravity have arisen since Captain d'Annunzio announced he would resist enforcement of the treaty of Rapallo. In answer to an ultimatum sent him by General Cavallotti, commander of Italian troops in the section, he has declared he will fight until his demands are met.

CORONER'S JURY PROBES DEATH OF MERCHANT

Slayer of Box Elder Resident
Overlooks Sum of Money
in Excitement

Developments which may lead to the identity and probable arrest of the man or men who robbed and murdered Richard E. Ligner, 62, a storekeeper, in his store west of Tremonton Monday, may be expected within the next two days, according to Sheriff Job Weiling of Boxelder county, who has been working on the case and who was in Ogden today.

The details of the clues which have been found will not be made public until the officers have fully investigated, the officer said.
BLOODY DOOR KNOBS.
Sheriff Weiling brought to Ogden several tin cigar cans which are believed to have contained the money stolen from the store following the murder. The cans were covered with dust and contained fingerprints which will be developed by Deputy Sheriff Dick Wootton. Door knobs of the store and house, containing bloody fingerprints were also brought to Ogden to be photographed.

SLAYER NOT STRANGER.
Sheriff Weiling declared that in his opinion the murder and robbery was committed by some person who knew Ligner well and had knowledge of the store and places where money was kept. The officer asserted that Ligner had made a rule never to answer a call outside the store under any condition at night. The fact that tracks showed that the storekeeper had been outside before the robbery has led to the belief that he was well acquainted and trusted the man who called him.

Shoe prints outside the store have given the officers a fair knowledge of the size of the man who committed the crime and another important clue has been found upon which identity of the man may be determined, it was said. This clue, however, was not made public.
The robbery was committed before snow had fallen during the present storm, the officer said, but the ground in such condition that shoe prints showed clearly about the store entrance.

VERDICT OF MURDER.
BRIGHAM CITY, Dec. 21.—Following an inquest conducted by a coroner's jury in Howell precinct, Box Elder county yesterday, the jury returned a verdict to the effect that Richard E. Ligner, 62, a storekeeper, same to his death Monday by being struck upon the head with a pistol or other weapon by an unknown person or persons with felonious intent.

The body of the storekeeper was removed to Tremonton and funeral arrangements are being held pending announcement from the brother, Herbert Ligner, 54, who was in Salt Lake at the time of the murder.
OLD RESIDENTS.
The Ligner brothers had conducted the store at the corner road in Blue Creek for many years. They also had charge of the postoffice. Neither was married and nobody knew whether or not they have other relatives in this section.

It was learned here today that the robbers and slayers overlooked the sum of \$200 which was reposing in a drawer of an old cupboard.
**WASHINGTON TO IGNORE
MEXICAN AMBASSADOR**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—State department officials said today that Alberto J. Pani, whom the Mexican Excelsior says is to come to Washington next month as Mexican ambassador, could not act in that capacity here pending the recognition of the Obregon government. His position would be that of an agent of the Mexican government, but without official status so far as the American government is concerned.

BLAST IN POWDER MILL KILLS TWO; OTHERS HURT

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 22.—Four men were killed and two injured in an explosion today in the pressing and packing mill of the Du Pont Powder company at Bell village, near Moosburg, 7 miles from here. The property damage amounted to about ten thousand dollars.

HUGHES DECIDES TO DISCUSS RUMOR OF PAST

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Charles E. Hughes, in a statement here today characterized published reports that he had been tendered the appointment of secretary of state in the Harding cabinet as "irresponsible rumors." "I do not care to discuss them," he added.

ENGINE BLOWUP KILLS MAN, PUTS PRESS WIRE OUT

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 22.—John L. Clayton, fireman, of Denver, was killed and all wires on Denver-El Paso Press association circuits were put out of commission today when a freight engine on the Santa Fe railroad exploded near Monument, Colo.

Harry K. Hartman, brakeman, and Harry Pearson, engineer, both of Denver, were seriously injured in the explosion. Ten poles were blown down, wrecking sixty telegraph and telephone wires.

BORAH SCORES HUGE PROGRAM OF ARMAMENT

Enslaves World in Taxes and
Makes Certain Another
War, He Says

BY WILLIAM E. BORAH.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—When the treaty of Versailles was signed the German navy was no more; the German army was reduced to a mere police force; Austria was helpless and starving; Turkey was dismembered; and the fighting forces of the Central Powers were at an end.
Yet the allies, pledged in the treaty of Versailles to disarmament, began the most stupendous program of super-military preparedness the world has seen.

Debts are being saddled on an overworked and overburdened world, and the people, already ground to earth by taxes, discouraged and restless, are having placed upon them the additional weight of untold millions.
Why?

For the most civilized nations to hunt out still more deadly instruments of death.
To accumulate, if possible, the barbarism of the last war?

To dedicate the human race to a more memorable humanitarian than characterized the years from 1914 to 1918?

ANOTHER CRIME.
It is a crime almost equal to the crimes of the war itself.
It enslaves the world in taxes and seeks to make certain another war.

Who are the allies going to fight, Germany or the armaments?
Do they fear Germany? She will be unable, even if she desired, to disturb the peace of the world for 40 years or more.

Do they fear Austria, starving and reduced to a mere shadow of her former self?
Do they fear Turkey, divided up and distributed among the nations?

Why this haste to put the world in arms? I repeat, it is a crime! And the allies must assume for future generations the responsibility, if it results in another world war, or if it results, as it will, in constant distress and suffering among the countless millions who must pay these debts.

N. Y. BROKERAGE HOUSE FAILURE IS ANNOUNCED

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Failure of the brokerage firm of Foster and Lounsbury was announced from the rostrum of the stock exchange shortly after the opening today.
The firm consists of J. Hegeman Foster, floor member, S. Durrell Lounsbury and W. Frazer Gibson. It has done business on the exchange for nearly twenty years.
Foster and Lounsbury are understood to have been active traders in Vanadium Steel, which was one of the stocks that led in recent heavy reactions on the market.
The failure which was unexpected in financial circles, was regarded as the most important recently.

WIRE SERVICE SUFFERS WHEN ELEMENTS RAGE

Snow Falls in Ogden; Havre,
Montana, Coldest Spot
in Nation

For a few hours this morning Ogden was without press wire communications with the eastern states, owing to the effects of the storm prevailing generally east of here.

Train service was delayed by a blizzard in North Dakota yesterday and the cold weather was causing much discomfort in Montana.

Havre, Montana, with 20 degrees below zero was the coldest place in the nation yesterday.

SNOW IN OGDEN

Snow started falling in Ogden early last evening. It continued to fall intermittently during the night. Reports from the mountain settlements state that it has been snowing steadily in the mountains.

There has been little snow on the lowlands this winter, but along the watersheds that supply Ogden and Weber county, with both culinary and irrigation water, the snow has packed to considerable depth.

UNUSUAL CONDITION.
Old residents say this condition is unusual.
While north of Ogden there has been a fair fall, south of the city the farmers have been unable to use their bulldozers to come to Ogden to do their Christmas shopping as is customary.

It has been several years since Ogden has not had a heavy snowfall until late in December.

The snowfall in the city was not heavy enough to necessitate clearing of the sidewalks by the new tractor plow, C. H. Martin, city supervisor, said this morning.

There was about 2 1/2 inches of snow. Before the plow is sent out the snow must reach a minimum depth of about 4 inches, Mr. Martin said.

TRAINS DELAYED.
Trains entering Ogden from the east over the Union Pacific and from the west over the Southern Pacific were more than three hours late today due to the heavy snowfall in Wyoming and Nevada last night, according to railroad officials.

Both trains 19 and 21, west bound, were more than three hours late this morning, 19 pulling in at the Union station at 10 o'clock and 21 one hour later.

Snow in Wyoming is reported to be heavy, blizzards raging in the western part of the state, according to passengers who arrived here this morning over the Union Pacific.

Although trains 19 and 21 managed to get to their destinations before noon today, it is stated that the snow is so heavy in some sections of the state that the other trains will experience difficulty in getting into Ogden from the east.

Mail trains and freight trains are also having trouble in getting over the snow covered rails. Snow plows have been put to work out of Green River and other sections of Wyoming.

LITTLE CHANGE PREDICTED.
Three inches of snow had fallen up until noon today, bringing precipitation of 12 of an inch, according to official measurements made by Charles E. Jones, local weather observer. With the coming of the storm last night the temperature rose, the minimum being but 25 degrees. Yesterday's maximum was 34 degrees.

The storm will probably continue tonight and tomorrow, according to the United States weather bulletin. Little change in temperature is expected.

NEBRASKA COLD

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 22.—Low temperatures in Nebraska ranging from four above zero at Omaha to 10 below at Valentine resulted in the breaking of telephone and telegraph wires and caused delay to railroad traffic.

PETROGRAD LABOR RIOT RESULTS IN MANY DEATHS

LONDON, Dec. 22.—A serious labor riot occurred recently in Petrograd, says a Helsingfors dispatch to the Central News under yesterday's date, in which many persons were killed or injured. The riot was crushed and one hundred and five laborers were executed the dispatch adds. The trouble started when the soviet authorities refused the demand of the city laborers for more food and shortening for the working day which is sixteen hours.

MORE
SHOPPING DAYS
TILL
CHRISTMAS